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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY two grants totaling \$3,018,750 to rehabilitate the nose dock hangar and to conduct a drainage and deicing study at the airport.

"I am pleased to announce this important funding to improve services and capacity at the Griffiss International Airport, which continues to be a critical part of economic growth in the Mohawk Valley," **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which is responsible for authorizing funds through the FAA**

"These funds will help the county maintain the highest level of services at the airport. I will continue to work to bring federal transportation funding to the Mohawk Valley."

A \$2,900,000 grant will be used to continue to rehabilitate the nose dock hangar 783. The condition of the hangar has severely deteriorated in the last several years, and this rehabilitation will provide 30,000 square feet to functional, energy efficient and leasable space, increasing the financial viability of the airport.

An \$118,750 grant will be used to conduct drainage and deicing study at the airport. This study will assist with the planning and future development at the airport and is necessary to comply with federal requirements.

Earlier this year, the FAA has awarded the airport \$190,000 for the design to rehabilitate the taxiway, which is currently in poor condition, to ensure safe aircraft operations and \$95,000 to for the continued rehabilitation of the nose dock hangar.

Air operations for Oneida County were consolidated to the Griffiss International Airport following a \$17 million commitment from the federal government through the federal FAA Airport Improvement Program. This additional funding will continue to improve the quality of services and scope of operations at the Griffiss International Airport.

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